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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Deployment Posture of U-2 Aircraft

I object to the deployment posture of our U-2 aircraft at this time. Maintaining the detachment at [] is, in my opinion, not worth the questionable benefits of Laos coverage. Aircraft #342 continues to be held up for its IRAN. Aircrafts #358 and 359 remain stymied at Edwards, when we desperately need a second aircraft at []. In addition, we have promised the [] a second aircraft. The [] have been extremely cooperative allies, and I think we should seriously consider our commitments, in addition to the fact that our requirements in the [] area cannot be met with any degree of flexibility with one aircraft.

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